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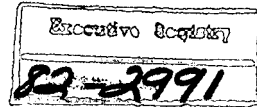
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Washington, D.C. 20505



April 29, 1982

Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
President
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118

Dear Dr. Kelly:

I was dismayed to learn that you refused to allow two CIA analysts to attend the Nuclear Nonproliferation Conference on April 23-25 at Tulane. For 35 years, the Central Intelligence Agency has been charged by the Congress and successive Presidents of the United States with the analysis of matters deemed vital to our national security, including in recent years the subject of nuclear proliferation. Surely you must believe that the interests of the people of this nation are best served when the senior-most officials of the government are well informed about a subject as sensitive and as dangerous to us all as nuclear proliferation. There are unhappily, in these days, many such subjects. We attach high value to such efforts as the conference which your University sponsored to address this issue and regret that you prevented our two analysts from attending. Your action is inconsistent with academic freedom, the principles of free intellectual and academic inquiry and most importantly a sound understanding that wise and informed policies must be based on the broadest possible knowledge of the problems that face us.

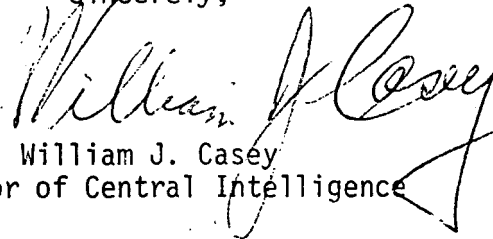
I would welcome hearing first-hand your objections to the participation of our analysts in professional conferences and meetings such as the one earlier this month and any problems you may have with the overt participation of Agency analysts at academic forums. Unlike the late 1960's and early 1970's, nearly all American campuses by now have passed through the phase of alienation from agencies associated with the national defense and security. Most have come to welcome the participation of our analysts in academic inquiries and conferences -- and understand that the participation of our analysts in no way implies the support of a sponsoring institution for this Agency's other activities or the policies of a particular administration.

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Dr. Eamon M. Kelly, President
Tulane University

It is only because the action you have taken is so inconsistent with this trend and the attitudes on most other campuses that I am prompted to write to see if there may be some misunderstanding behind your action. I would look forward to hearing from you directly on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Casey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "W" and a long, trailing "y".

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence